An Important Message from

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)

Public Rate Hearing Nov. 20, 2026 – Rate Packets Now Available

HHSC Provider Finance Department (PFD) Acute Care and Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) will hold a public rate hearing for Medicaid Calendar Fee Reviews, Medical Policy Reviews, the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), Special Reviews, and LTSS on **Nov. 20, 2026, at 9 a.m. CST**.

This rate hearing will be held in person and online. Register for the hearing through GoToWebinar to attend online. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information to join the webinar. If you are new to GoToWebinar, download the GoToMeeting app before the hearing.

Registration link:
https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8054610326404374622

Webinar ID: 180-481-955

Members of the public may attend the rate hearing in person, which will be held in the Public Hearing Room M-100 in the Robert D. Moreton Building located at 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas, or they may access a live stream of the meeting at https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/live-archived-meetings. For the live stream, select the “Moreton M-100 Live” tab. A recording of the hearing will be archived and can be accessed on demand at https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/live-archived-meetings under the “Archived” tab. The hearing will be held in compliance with Texas Human Resources Code Section 32.0282, which requires public notice of and hearings on proposed payment rates.

If attending the public hearing in person, visitor parking for the Robert D. Moreton building can be found on the 2nd and higher floors of state parking garage H. This garage is located just southeast of the Robert D. Moreton building and west of the Brown-Heatly building.

You can also join by phone. To do so, you must register using the registration link. You will then receive dial-in instructions, including an audio PIN. You must enter the audio PIN to speak by phone during the hearing.

Rate Packets Now Available
The rate hearing packets were posted on the PFD Rate Packets website on:

- Nov. 6, 2026
- Nov. 9, 2026

The proposed effective dates are:

- July 1, 2026
- Oct. 1, 2026
- Jan. 1, 2027
- March 1, 2027

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public testimony on the proposed Medicaid Rates.

Proposed to be effective July 1, 2026
LTSS:
Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) rates for the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) and Home and Community-Based Services – Adult Mental Health Program (HCBS-AMH) Programs

Special Review:
1. Medical Transportation Program (MTP) / Individual Transportation Participant (ITP)

Proposed to be effective Oct. 1, 2026
Medical Policy Review:
1. Health and Behavior Assessment and Intervention (HBAI) Clean-up – 96170 & 96171

Proposed to be effective Jan. 1, 2027
Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS):
1. Employment Services Rates for YES and HCBS-AMH Waiver Programs

Proposed to be effective March 1, 2027
Calendar Fee Review:
2. Anesthesia
3. Ambulatory Surgical Center – Hospital-based Ambulatory Surgical Center
4. Ambulatory Surgical Center – Hospital-based Ambulatory Surgical Center Not
5. Covered by Medicare
6. Birthing Centers
7. Clinical Diagnostic Labs
8. Clinical Diagnostic Labs – Gapfill
9. General and Integumentary System Surgery
10. Nervous System Surgery
11. Ophthalmological Services
12. Physician-Administered Drugs – NDCX
13. Physician-Administered Drugs – Non-Oncology
14. Physician-Administered Drugs – Oncology
15. Physician-Administered Drugs – Vaccines & Toxoids
16. Respiratory System Surgery

HCPCS Review:
1. Q1 HCPCS Drugs
2. Q1 HCPCS TOS 1 Non-Drugs
3. Q1 HCPCS TOS 2
4. Q1 HCPCS TOS 5 (Clinical Lab)
5. Q1 HCPCS TOS 9
6. Q1 HCPCS TOS F (ASC)
7. Q2 HCPCS Drugs
8. Q2 HCPCS TOS 2

Special Review:
1. Peer Specialist TOS 3
2. Blind Children's Program

Public Notice and Testimony
The notice for the rate hearing was published in the Oct. 23, 2026, and Nov. 6, 2026, issues of the *Texas Register* and posted to the HHSC website on Oct. 14, 2026.

Unless otherwise noted in the notice and the rate hearing packets, written comments regarding the proposed payment rates may be submitted instead of, or in addition to, oral testimony **until 5 p.m. on the day of the hearing, Nov. 20, 2026**.

Written comments may be sent by U.S. mail, overnight mail, special delivery mail, fax, or email:

U.S. Mail:
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Attention: Provider Finance Department, Mail Code H-400
P.O. Box 149030
Austin, Texas 78714-9030

Overnight mail or special delivery mail:
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Attention: Provider Finance Department, Mail Code H-400
North Austin Complex
4601 W. Guadalupe St.
Austin, Texas 78751

Phone number for package delivery: 737-867-7817

Fax: 512-730-7475, Attention: Provider Finance Department

Emails:
PFDAcuteCare@hhs.texas.gov
PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov

Persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Provider Finance at 737-867-7817 at least 72 hours before the hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Preferred Communication
For the quickest response, contact HHSC about this rate hearing by email or phone. Forward this information to providers and organizations in your programs as appropriate. If you have questions about this rate hearing, email PFD Acute Care.

Questions?
If you have questions, please contact UnitedHealthcare Customer Service at **888-887-9003**, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. CT, Monday–Friday.